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Dear Mr. Corwin:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Commission Regulations define the term "purpose" to mean a brief statement or description of why a disbursement was made. Examples are "dinner expense", "media", "salary", "polling", "travel", "party fees", "phone banks", "travel expenses", "travel expense reimbursement" and "catering costs". Examples of election day and voter registration activity include "exit polling", "door-to-door get out the vote", "get out the vote phone calls" and "driving voters to the polls". Unacceptable descriptions, which require additional clarification, include but are not limited to "advance", "consulting", "commission", "contract labor", "election day expense", "expenses", "other expenses", "expense reimbursement", "miscellaneous", "outside services", "get-out-the-vote" and "voter registration". (11 CFR §104.3(b)(4)) Please amend Schedule B of your report to correct the descriptions which do not meet the requirements of the Regulations.

-You have failed to designate Southern Pacific Bank as a depository on your Statement of Organization (FEC FORM 1). Commission Regulations require that each political committee disclose the name of its campaign depository or depositories (State banks, Federally chartered depository institutions or depository institutions the depositor accounts of which are insured). Please amend your Statement of Organization (FEC FORM 1 copy attached) to disclose all committee depositories.